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Feel the magic. You are reading this for the first time on the way to, or inside, the MCG, on the greatest night in the history of Australian Soccer.

Tonight our lads will qualify for the World Cup in front of 90 000+ Aussie soccer fans, under lights on a Saturday night in late spring. It just doesn't get much better than this.

Tonight we will put right the injustice of years spent playing off against the likes of Scotland and Argentina. The end to the crazy situation which grouped us first with Israel then forced us to play off against a European or Latin American power given the double chance is a victory for common sense and fair play.

No more will we have to get behind the country of our birth or our parents' and watch while teams we are better than like the USA and South Korea get knocked out in the first round. When



the biggest and best sporting event on the planet, bar none, rolls around next June we will be there with the world's best. Where we belong.

The Score has been produced by a bunch of Australian Soccer fans to provide a lively, reasonably priced souvenir of this great occasion (and to turn us a tidy profit). We are also asking anyone interested in joining an Australian Soccer Supporters' Club to clip off the coupon on page 15 and send it to us.

We hope you enjoy the articles, both serious and humorous. We reckon they're great. The words to the National Anthem are on the back so when the time comes, get stuck in.

Enjoy Aussie soccer's big night out and get behind the lads.

COME ON YOU AUSSIES!



Ron: Ah yes, another full house at the MCG furthering our reputation as the major events capital.

Jeff: Quite. Now soccer, is this the one where they throw it backwards or the one where they run around kissing each other when they score.

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Q: What's the difference between a top soccer player and a top AFL player.

A: About 30 million dollars.

Manchester United have made a renewed bid of \$36 million to Argentine club River Plate for Chilean striker Marcelo Salas.



"If you're reading this I want you to know I died happy knowing that the Socceroos made it to France '98.

Now please explain this offside rule again."

Whatever it Takes

Reforming Australian Soccer under Chairman David Hill

George Negus has described him as 'Australia's most accomplished Mr Fix-it' and when David Hill was elected Chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation in April 1995, the game in this country needed fixing. Corruption in the ASF's offices, soccer coming under political attack, a national league failing to fulfil its potential and the Socceroos inability to score goals in the big games the most obvious problem areas.

Two and a half years hence one can only look back and congratulate the Chairman on a Great Leap Forward. World Cup qualification and the Olympic Soccer Tournament will provide the perfect opportunity to push Soccer in to the mainstream of Australian Sport. Soccer Australia is in a good position to seize the moment thanks to the good work already done.

Leadership

A lot of the staff at Soccer Australia thought Machiavelli played fullback for AC Milan until Hill started calling the shots. Heads rolled where they had to, new positions in promotion and management were created, a soccer summit was held and a 5 year plan drawn up all within 2 months.

His dealing with the Stewart Report and Senate inquiries, the first things to land on his desk was exemplary. These were witch-hunts driven by disgruntled people within the

game and spurred on by Soccer's enemies, which at the end of the day found absolutely no evidence of corruption in former coach Eddie Thomson's conduct regarding player transfers. Hill recognised this by declaring that Thomson would remain Socceroo coach.

Venables' appointment was made to improve the team's performance not because Thommo was found guilty of anything. This was a tough decision but one that had to be made. Hill's inspired leadership on this issue, to decide to chase Venables, despite the knockers and the doubters, is his greatest moment yet.

The Things They Say

"With the small amount of time he is going to spend here, it's just not going to work. Someone is taking us for a ride, someone who clearly doesn't understand the game."

Manfred Schaefer, then Marconi coach, on the appointment of Terry Venables as Socceroo Coach.

The things they do

In an unprecedented move Les Murray delivered a solemn editorial on World Soccer declaring that the appointment of Venables was the worst thing that could happen to Australian Soccer.

Cultural Revolution

The one area where the Chairman is yet to achieve as much as he would like is the National League. As it has been since its inception 20 years ago, today the league is troubled by low crowds, exile from commercial television, occasional violence and the perception in the wider community that teams are the mascots of different ethnic groups.

It has undergone several revamps and conversions down the years. Does anyone remember the season of American names-the Canberra Arrows, the Sydney Slickers or the mighty Preston Rams? Will Chairman Dave's Cultural Revolution succeed where others have failed?

Quite likely. He is meeting the inevitable resistance from established clubs but his approach is actually well balanced.

On the one hand he is forcing clubs to drop ethnic symbolism and cracking down on hooliganism.

The carrot for clubs however is the opening of doors and influx of funds if they are serious about welcoming broad based support beyond the ethnic communities that set them up. He points to the capacity crowds at Perth Glory as vindication of this strategy.

We are also seeing a number of operators from finance and politics trying to get involved with the game. John Hewson is on the board of Sydney United and former Labor Minister Gary Punch has been busy doing the

numbers to get Mate and top stockbroker Rene Rivkin onto the board at Sydney Olympic. The race is well and truly on to be Australian Soccer's Silvio Berlusconi.

These people and Hill know that with its huge numbers of young players, its popularity throughout the world and the World Cup and Olympics looming, soccer has unlimited potential as a sport and business. That if we don't mess around we can have the Serie A or Premier League of Asia right here.

Whether we reach such heights depends on the extent to which David Hill can bring Australian Soccer's stakeholders along on this long march. Whatever the final result of his labours, he can hold his head high on this great night, happy that he has already done much to improve the world game in Australia.



Chat on-line with Andres "Gooooooooaaaal" Cantor

Date: 4 December 1997

Time: 23:00 - 23:30 Paris Time

Andres Cantor will appear on **France98.com** for an exclusive chat session on 4 December 1997 from 23:00 - 23:30 Paris time . . . that's right after the Final Draw!

Sign on to France98.com on 4 December to follow the Final Draw live, then stick around to chat about it with Andres Cantor.

He'll be answering questions about FRANCE98, the Draw, and who's likely to score the most "GOOOOOALS" next year.

The Score says

Tickets Tickets Tickets

By far the most important question facing fans considering going to France next June is the availability of Tickets.

If we qualify tonight Soccer Australia will be given a load of tickets by FIFA.

We call on SA to make some available at face value for fans who don't want to go through travel agents.

Travel Tips

1. Stay in towns where games aren't being played. Accommodation will be easier and travel times are short.
2. Wear sunscreen.



COUPE DU MONDE

Brazil	Croatia
Germany	Yugoslavia
Spain	Tunisia
Romania	Bulgaria
England	Austria
France	Belgium
Denmark	USA
Colombia	Paraguay
Italy	South Korea
Mexico	Australia
Holland	Saudi Arabia
Norway	South Africa
Morocco	Scotland
Chile	Jamaica
Japan	Cameroon
Argentina	Nigeria

Europe vs Rest of the World

Prior to the Final Draw for the World Cup France 1998 in Marseilles on 4 December, a European selection coached by Franz Beckenbauer will line up against a team made up of players from the other five continents led by Carlos Alberto Parreira, coach of World Cup winners in Brazil. For this game, each of the 32 World Cup finalists will make one player available.

Heroes of Tehran



Bosnich

The big match player with the ego to match.

He dropped on to Daei's shot so quick you only picked it up on the replay.

A steady influence at back when we needed it.

Now truly world class.



Lazaridis.

When he got on the park we got behind the Iranian defence.

What control, what speed.

Pure South Australian class.

Could tear Iran apart tonight.

Go on Stan, skin 'em.



Kewell

He gave us the goal we needed and the media the star they had to have. Georgie Graham(Leeds) gave Tel the SP on the the young lad and the rest is history. Great in the air for his height as well. Sound.

- World Ivanovich and Tobin stuffed up the offside trap to let Iran in?

Will the flat pitch mean we dominate the midfield

Will 90000 cheering, singing, Score reading Aussie Soccer nuts be too much for the team from Tehran?

"I could not understand Steve Horvat being in for Milan Ivanovic at Sweeper. Ivanovic, "the old man", has for so many years been our organiser at the back. Ivanovic is a world-class player who simply chose to make his home in Australia from the former Yugoslavia."

Jeff Wells, Sports Columnist

AUSTRALIA

MARK BOSNICH
ZELJKO KALAC
JASON PETKOVIC

goalkeepers

CRAIG MOORE
STEVE HORVAT
ALEX TOBIN
TONY VIDMAR
MATTHEW BINGLEY
MILAN IVANOVIC
ROBBIE HOOKER
KEVIN MUSCAT

defenders

ROBERT ENES
CRAIG FOSTER
STAN LAZARIDIS
PAUL OKON
JOE SKOKO
ROBBIE SLATER
ERNIE TAPAI
NED ZELIC
AURELIO VIDMAR

midfielders

HARRY KEWELL
MARK VIDUKA
GRAHAM ARNOLD
DAMIAN MORI
PAUL TRIMBOLI
JOHN ALOISI

strikers

COACH: TERRY VENABLES

FAIR PLAY PLEASE

Showdown at the G

Words to advance
Australia Fair are on the
back cover.

The Score asks all Aussie
Soccer fans to respect the
singing of the
Iranian anthem.

"Soccer Australia will
distribute 30 000 national
flags setting the scene for
what could be the most
animated, noisiest and
emotionally- charged
sporting event in Australian
Sporting History."

The Australian, Thursday

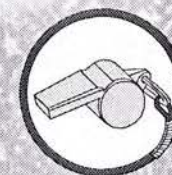
IT'S A FOOTBALL THING



IRAN

- 1.AHMADR. ABEDZADEH
- 2.MENDI MAHDAVIKIA
- 4.MOHAMMAD KHAKPOUR
- 5.MOHAMMAD PEIRAVANI
- 6.KARIM BAGHERI
- 7.ALI MANSOURIAN
- 8.MAJID NAMJOMOTLAGH
- 9.HAMIDR. ESTEELI
- 10.ALI DAEI
- 11.KHODADAD AZIZI
- 15.ALIA. OSTADASADI
- 16.REZA SHAHRQUIDI
- 18.EBRAHIM TAHAMI
- 19.FARHAD MADJIDI
- 20.MAHDI PASHAZADE
- 22.NIMA NAKISSA
- 23.NAEIM SAADAVI
- 24.JAVAD ZARINCHEH
- 25.MEHRDAD MINAVAND

COACH: VIERRA VALDIER



The Match Referee is Sandor
Puhl of Hungary.
Voted best referee in the
world for the last 3 years and
officiated in the 1994 world
cup Final, Italy v Brazil.

STRIKERS WITH STYLE

These blokes should be at France '98



Duncan Ferguson

In one of his moments the lad said he couldn't be bothered playing for his country and if he doesn't want to play for Scotland then the Scottish FA don't want him. Grow up Jimmae.

He has had all sorts of pressure on him since he was a kid because he is great. Unrivalled in the air and great on the deck. After getting done for nutting some Scottish Sunday League centre half he headed south to Merseyside, the spiritual home of the headbutt, where he is busy trying to keep Everton up.

The greatest Scotsman of all, Sir Matt Busby never gave up on Georgie Best and we bet he wouldn't give up on the boy Duncan either.

Take him to France or we'll send Begbie around.

Gianluca Vialli

Like big Dunc, in an emotional moment he told the national side to shove it but now he wants back. On his day Vialli is as good as it gets and he is a big game player. When Chelsea recently went north of the Arctic circle to play Tromso (Norway) in a blizzard, who got the two away goals? Gianluca did.

But it's also his style. The speed, the strength, the skill, and that big smile and his mafia don chrome dome which he had before anyone.

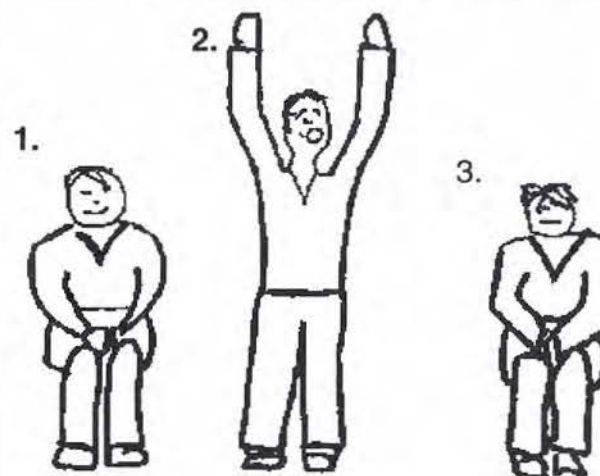
If Maldini takes a journeyman like Chiesa to France and not Vialli he must be mad. But then if you saw his carry-on during the England game you already knew that.



Cantona

And while we're at it why not add Cantona to the log of claims? It's sad really to think his headers, lay-offs and holding up won't be a feature of the World Cup in his own country. But then again that's Cantona. It may be wishing in vain but if enough seagulls lobby the trawler.... who knows?

Idiot's guide to the Mexican Wave



1. Remain seated and wait for wave to reach your section of the crowd.
 2. Stand up, raise hands, throw things into the air, yell, whistle and generally act like a wally.
 3. Return to seat and wait for wave to go around the ground again.
- (If sitting in members stand ignore step 2)

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The Beautiful Game

"Soccer has the elements of both ballet and chess"
Vidal Sassoon

"Football is a model of individualistic society. It demands initiative, competition and conflict, but it is regulated by the unwritten rule of fair play"
Antonio Gramsci

"All that I know most surely about morality and obligations, I owe to football"
Albert Camus

FIFA ROUND-UP

RULE CHANGES

Four quarters, time outs, two balls, some berk at the back of the stand playing an organ every time something happens: These are just some of the soft ideas the yanks came up with in 1994 to make the game more exciting. Fortunately someone explained to them that bribing FIFA officials to let you hold the tournament even though you can hardly play, doesn't give you the right to make the rules up.

But it would appear that the rules of the game which served us well for the best part of this century are now under permanent review.

This English Premier League Season has seen the introduction of several minor alterations including allowing the keeper to move side to side on the goal line at penalties and enabling scoring direct from the kick-off. Stopping goalkeepers handling from a throw-in (from their own team) is the latest in a long-line of changes designed to discourage defensive play.

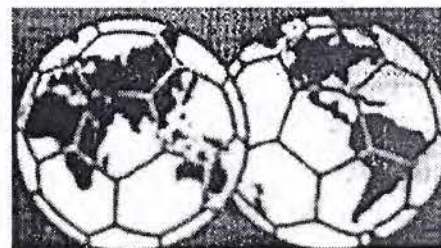
FIFA Secretary-General Sepp Blatter is championing the banning of the slide tackle

as part of his campaign for FIFA'S Presidency when Joao Havelange finally resigns. Any high level professional match provides plenty of supporting evidence for this proposal. The number of players enduring long lay-offs due to injuries sustained from dodgy tackles is high and getting higher.

There is no greater sight in the game than a well timed slider that collects both ball and man, but the laws of physics dictate that the tackler is much more likely to mistime or misdirect the tackle. This rule change deserves a trial run whose success will depend largely on the ability of referees to apply it consistently. So don't hold your breath.

"Let them say what they will, but The Score doesn't believe there is such a thing as not interfering with play on an offside."

El Tel has recently entered the debate throwing his weight behind: 1) Banning goal keepers leaving their area at any time and 2) bringing in a second referee. To address the first point one asks whether we need to tip the scales even further against defensive play? And anyway, 9 times out of ten when a keeper leaves the box they stuff up leading to something exciting like an attempt at a chip. To address the second point: Isn't one



FIFA
founded 1904

of the clowns favouring established clubs like Man. United and Liverpool at a time enough?

It was the endless search for more goal mouth action that led to the revolution in offside several years ago. Making being level with a defender when the ball is played onside rather than off was straightforward enough. However, advising linesmen to give attacking players the benefit of the doubt has been a complete shambles. Nearly every close decision is given in favour of the attacking side leading to the death of the offside trap, which was of course the plan all along.

Likewise, the relaxation of the law on interfering with play in regards to offside is also a crock. Any player on the attacking team ahead of the ball when it is played forward is interfering with play. Defenders have to check to see if they are offside or whether they are moving into an onside position.

There is nothing wrong with steady evolution in the game's rules and regulations. However this should involve revoking new rules that don't work such as those to offside. However, with the commercially driven push for more goal mouth action setting the agenda these days a review is unlikely.

The Score says

Havelange Must Go

Imagine assembling all the living legends of soccer in one place to witness the World Cup Finals Draw. Beckenbauer, Platini, Bobby Charlton. Everyone except Pele who is not invited.

Sounds ridiculous but that is exactly what current FIFA President Joao Havelange decided to do for the 1994 cup draw. His reason? Pele, in his role as Brazil's Minister for Sport, criticised Havelange's awarding of the Brazillian TV rights for the tournament to his son's television network there.

Some people believe that Australians should thank Havelange for expanding the finals to 32 teams allowing Aus. an easier qualifying route. These people are wrong.

The stupidity of the old system was apparent for many years during which Havelange ignored our calls for a review. It was only when he was looking like getting rolled over the Pele fiasco and other cock-ups that he decided to expand the competition to shore up support from Third World delegates whose national teams would have increased chances of qualification.

It is imperative that he gets the boot at the FIFA congress next year and is replaced by someone with no commercial stake in the game.

Secret Soccer Business

The following document has come into the hands of our correspondent who is part of the Socceroos training camp. Alex (not his real name) assures us that the Australian assault on the World Cup is based on the opinions and tactics addressed in the following information.

obviously lost the plot.

Argentina: Blanco to use his contacts to convince them to give Maradona another chance.

Brazil: Ban samba band from the stadium on the grounds that it is boring and middle-of-the road

Belgium: They didn't qualify did they?

Croatia: No worries. We have their two best players, Viduka and Horvat.

England: Just keep reminding them of who won the cricket, who won the rugby, etc.

France: Let them know that we have a better defence than the Rainbow Warrior.

Germany: Not the threat of previous tournaments. Referees have finally realised that Klinsman is a better actor than player.

Holland: Too many of their stars are playing in the UK with the accompanying decrease in standards.

Italy: Let's hope they keep Maldini as coach.

Japan: If they need Eddie Thomson they've

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Jamaica: Stop supply of high balls to the centre forward and supply of ganja to the rest of the team.

Scotland: Stop the supply of quality balls to the forwards and the supply of quality scotch to the rest of the team.

South Korea: Convince them that our penalty box is the 49th parallel.

USA: Once they realise they can't play in hard hats and body padding they'll lose their enthusiasm.

Note: We have some great plans to beat Greece, Ireland, Hungary, (sorry Les) and the Czech Republic but we are saving them until 2002

"The socialism I believe in is everyone working for each other, everyone having a share of the rewards. It's the way I see football, the way I see life"
Bill Shankly



Isn't it great supporting the Socceroos.

Whether you're there on the Riviera or home on the couch next year, enhance the supporting experience by joining the supporters' club.

We are in the process of forming a supporters club to provide Aussie Soccer fans with the best information on France '98 and offer discounts on the best memorabilia.

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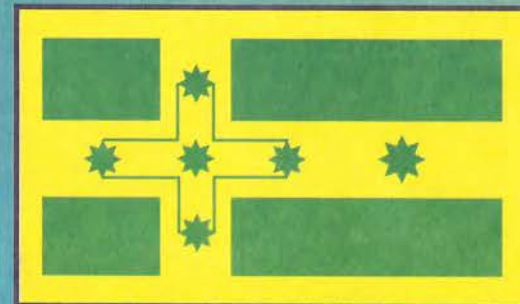
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Advance Australia Fair

***Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil
And wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea***

***Our land abounds
In nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare
In history's page
Let every stage
Advance Australia Fair***

***In joyful strains
Then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair***



**DARE TO STRUGGLE
DARE TO WIN**

"My first experience of Anglo-European football was at the Hawthorns in 1968 when West Brom played Dynamo Bucharest. How fascinated I was by the exotic mysteries of the men from Romania. However, the mood was slightly spoilt when our resident DJ on Radio Throstle was unable to find a copy of the Romanian National anthem. I can still see the confused expressions on the faces of the Dynamo team as they stood shoulder to shoulder, heads held high, and were greeted by what the DJ had decided was a sensible second choice: "Midnight in Moscow" by Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen."

Frank Skinner, English Comedian

**France '98
WIN!**

**WIN WORLD CUP
TICKETS AND
TRAVEL TO FRANCE
TO SEE THE
SOCCEROOS DO
BATTLE.**

For your chance to be at the World Cup be sure to enter any of the many competitions large companies are bound to run between now and next June which have a trip to the France '98 as the prize

(S.A. residents can send a hand drawn facsimile)